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TAGS: OEXC, NI (VINCENT, DR. THEOPHILUS)
SUBJ: FY - 76 IV NOMINATION

1. POST NOMINATES FOR THIRTY-DAY IV GRANT DR. THEOPHILUS VINCENT, SENIOR LECTURER IN ENGLISH, UNILAG, TO INCLUDE ATTENDANCE AT AFRICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION MEETING IN SAN FRANCISCO OCTOBER 29 TO NOVEMBER 1, 1975. DR. VINCENT, ONE OF NIGERIA'S OUTSTANDING INTELLECTUALS, CAN BE CONSIDERED WITHIN GROUPS/INSTITUTIONS IDENTIFIED IN PART 2. H. OF FY 76 CPP. AS SPECIAL TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY, POST WISHES THIS GRANT BE SUBSTITUTED FOR ONE OF TWO PROVIDED IN PROJECT H - 5.

2. BIODATA FOLLOWS:

FULL NAME: DR. THEOPHILUS VINCENT.

PRESENT POSITION: SENIOR LECTURER (ENGLISH)
UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS

PAST POSITIONS: LECTURER, UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS
1970-75; POST DOCTORAL FELLOW,
UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN, 1969-70;
ASSISTANT LECTURER, UNIVERSITY OF
IBADAN 1967-69; ENGLISH MASTER,
METHODIST SECONDARY SCHOOL,
UZUAKOLI, 1961.

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DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH: [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 17 SEP 2013]; DERE, OGONI,

SOUTH EASTERN STATE.

PRESENT CITIZENSHIP: NIGERIAN; NONE PREVIOUS.

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO THE U S: NONE

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO OTHER

COUNTRIES: UNITED KINGDOM 1962, 1965, 1969,
1972; GHANA, 1970, 1971, 1972,
1973, 1974, 1975; UGANDA, 1973/74;
VENEZUELA, TRINIDAD, 1972;
KENYA 1974; AUSTRALIA, 1975.

PREVIOUS USG GRANT: NONE

VISA ELIGIBILITY: NAMECHECK SATISFACTORY, VISA ELI-
GIBLE.

REASONS FOR NOMINATION: THEO VINCENT HAS BEEN INVITED TO
DELIVER PAPER AT AFRICAN STUDIES
ASSOCIATION MEETING ON "MODERN

AFRICAN AESTHETICS: PRESCRIPTIONS FOR RESUMPTION OF CULTURAL
AUTONOMY." NOMINEE REQUESTED POST ASSISTANCE, EXPLAINING HE
DESIRED TO ACCEP ASA INVITATION BUT COULD NOT ASK UNILAG FUND
TRIP SO SOON AFTER RETURN FROM AUSTRALIA AT UNIVERSITY EXPENSE.
POST PERCEIVES THIS AS INVALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUAL OF
VINCENT'S TALENT AND REPUTATION TO OBSERVE FIRST-HAND U.S. ACA-
DEMIC AND LETERARY WORLDS. VINCENT WAS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN JOHN
UPDIKE PROGRAM (LINCOLN LECTURER, JAN. 1973,) MET WITH STAG NIKKI
GIOVANI LATER SAME YEAR, AND HAS PARTICIPATED NUMEROUS OTHER
POST PGOGRAMS. AS ONE OF UNILAG PROFESSORS WHO HAS SHOWN DEFINITE
INTEREST IN FORMING AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION (PROJECTED OUT-
COME OF ARASC IN MARCH, 1976), VINCENT CAN BE CONSIDERED AMERICANIST
WHO HAS NEVER VISITED U.S.

OBJECTIVES OF U.S. VISIT: GRANT TO NOMINEE WOULD SUPPORT POST
AND CU OBJECTIVES BY FACILITATING INITIAL AND FOLLOW UP CONTACT
BETWEEN VINCENT AND AMERICAN COLLEAGUES (THOSE HE HAS NEVER MET
AS WELL AS THOSE WHO HAVE VISITED NIGERIA) AND PROMOTE BUILDING
OF INSTITUTIONAL AND CULTURAL RELATIONSHIPS, ESPECIALLY AS NIGERIAN
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AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION IDEA MOVES FORWARD. LIKEWISE, MUTUA-
LITY WOULD BE SERVED BY EXPOSING AMERICANS TO NIGERIAN (I.E. AFRICAN)

IDEAS AND THOUGHTS.

AVAILABILITY DATES: LATE OCTOBER, 1975.

ALTERNATE: PROF. B.A. AGIRI

LECTURER IN HISTORY
UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS.

3. IF PRACTICAL, POST SUGGESTS PROGRAM SESSION AFTER ASA
MEETING TO ALLOW MAXIMUM OPPORTUNITY FOR VINCENT FOLLOWUP
ASA CONTACTS.

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